Second quarter kills

Raiders in first game

Appomattox County High School's varsity basketball team outplayed the team from Group AAA Amherst in the first, third, fourth quarters Saturday night.

But in the second quarter, Amherst outdistanced the Raiders, scoring 21 points to Appomattox's 2. And the deficit was more than the local team could overcome in the third and fourth quarters.

"We were just out of sync," commented Raider Coach Coty Dickerson this week.

"We made mental errors in the second quarter. We tried to dribble the ball rather than pass upcourt against the press, and we had poor foul shooting throughout the game."

"I don't mean to say that they (Amherst) weren't playing well," Dickerson added. "They have an excellent ball team, and they beat us. We just have to take that game as a lesson, and use it to improves ourselves in coming weeks."

Three Raiders scored in double figures Saturday night: Mike Jackson had 12 points, Bobby Carter had 11 points, and Gary Ferguson had 10 points. Ricky Miller added eight points, Todd Scruggs had two, Tyron Abbitt had four and Tim Austin had three points to round out the Raider scoring.

The Raiders outscored Amherst 16-11 in the first quarter; 18-17 in the third, and 14-12 in the fourth. But it was the second quarter, when Amherst pressed and shut down the Raider offense, that put the game out of reach for Appomattox.

"We had eight turnovers, and missed six or seven one-on-one opportunities in the second quarter," Dickerson said. "The effort was there; everyone who played played well," Dickerson said. "We just had some mental mistakes."

Four members of Amherst's team scored in double figures against the Raiders. James Pennix scored 15 points, Roger Ford scored 12, Larry Harris had 11 points and Vernon Massie scored 10 points.

"We've been working on foul shooting and on getting our timing down," Dickerson said. "We had some problems against Amherst, but we know what they were, and we've been working on getting them ironed out."

The Raiders were scheduled to play top-ranked Gretna Tuesday after the Times-Virginian deadline. Friday, the team travels to William Campbell for an 8 p.m. game. Next Tuesday, the team will play Jefferson Forest at home.

MIKE JACKSON drives in for a layup in Saturday's game against Amherst. (Photo by Allen Austin)

Jayvees play tough, but lose season opener

The jayvee Raider basketball team lost a hard-fought contest to Amherst in Saturday night's season opener, 45-38.

"We outscored Amherst from the floor by four field goals," commented jayvee coach John Pettyjohn. "But our foul shooting was poor, and that was the difference in the score."

Pettyjohn said he was pleased with the team's performance overall, however, and especially pleased with the team's defensive play. "We played very good defensive ball," the coach said. "The kids were tough, and they played a smart game defensively."

Jack Baker was the top scorer for the Raiders, with ten points. Anthony Kelso, Cleve Jones and Darrin Tolley each scored six points for the Raiders, as well.

"Brett Marston did an especially good job on defense," Pettyjohn noted. He said that his other players -- John Fedison, Alex Almond, Tony Martin, Keith Martin, Lee Drinkard, Clyde Randolph and Jeff Motley, had all contributed to the team's progress since the start of practice.

Speaking of his team's strengths, Pettyjohn said "they're smart, and they work very hard. I think we will play some teams very close this season. I think we'll be tough. We are going to have to play good defensive ball."

The jayvees were scheduled to play Gretna Tuesday evening after the Times-Virginian deadline. Friday they play William Campbell away, and next Tuesday, the team will play Jefferson Forest at home. Games start at 6 p.m.

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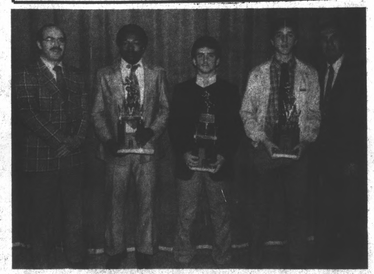

MEMBERS of the Raider varsity football team were honored at Thursday's annual Lions football banquet. Shown with Raider Coach Garty Cuccio (left) and guest speaker Al Rinaldi (right) are (from left) Anthony Abbitt, best lineman; Phil Bellinger, best little lineman, and Paul Johnson, best back. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

Holiday Lake progress cited

The Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center Development and Expansion Project began in July 1979.

The automobile fundraiser is one of many fund raising projects that have been conducted across the East Central District over the past four years. During this period of time the project has had many very generous supporters including 4-H members, volunteers, Extension staff, civic organizations, business, industry and others.

The following is a status report of the current 4-H Educational Center situation:

Improvements and Expansion Since 1979

1. Improvements to dining hall, bathhouses, manager's office and others	$ 55,000
2. Three miles of new road	$196,000
3. Lease on 157 acres (99 years)	—
4. Maintenance and storage building	$ 22,000
5. Swimming pool and bathhouse	120,000
6. Horse barn and ring	6,000
7. Renovation and winterization of large bunkhouse	44,000
Total Cost of Improvements To Date	$443,000

Fund Raising Since 1979

1. Major Contributors include: Outdoor Recreation Commission, Central Fidelity Bank, Burlington Foundation, VEPCO, Westvaco, Appomattox Board of Supervisors, Virginia National Bank, Buckingham Board of Supervisors, Nationwide Insurance Company, Chesapeake Corporation, Meredith/Burda, Morgan Foundation, Titmus Foundation and Campbell Board of Supervisors $317,000
2. Local contributions and pledges, including 4-H members, volunteers, staff, business, industry, and others $172,000

Total Current Contributions and Pledges $489,000

Fund Raising Needs to Complete Phase I

Horse facilities	$ 8,000.00
Renovation and winterization-small bunkhouse	25,000
Winterization of bathhouses	6,000
Dining hall improvements	30,000
Two new cabins	20,000
Two hogans	2,000
Total Needed	$ 91,000

Fund Raising Needs to Complete Phase II

One self contained lodge	$280,000
New dining hall and kitchen	280,000
Two new cabins	20,000
Furniture, equipment, parking, utilities, and other fees	75,000
Total Needed	$640,680

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SCHOOLS

The Raider Review

Many seniors are ready for college

By LADELL WRIGHT

Although the school year is far from over, many seniors are preparing for their first school year at college.

It is expected that 15 percent of the graduating class will go on to attend a four year college or university, while another twenty percent will attend a two year school or a technical or vocational institution.

For most students, the road to any institution of higher learning starts with the filing of an application with that school.

Filing applications can be a time consuming and stressful experience for many students. Applications forms range from a list of simple questions to long essays to be written by the student.

Many students will file from two to four applications, and most are advised to file at least three. Each application must be accompanied by a copy of the student's high school transcript. These transcripts must come from the student's guidance counselor and they tend to place an increased work load for the senior class guidance counselor.

Again this year, more applications are being sent to Virginia Technical Institute and State University. Tech has been the most applied to college of ACHS students for the past several years. Not only do many Appomatox students apply to Tech, many are accepted and attend the university. Last year, two-thirds of the students who applied to Tech were accepted.

Although most students will not know whether or not they have been accepted to the college of their choie e until the spring, several ACHS seniors have already been accepted to many state and non-state universities.

Ferrum College has already accepted three ACHS students. Jan Armentrout, Jeff Fanney, and Todd Pickett are all eligible to attend Ferrum next year.

Tambra Hamlet and Todd Nash have both been accepted to attend East Tennessee State University.

Bobby Carter has been accepted at the University of Virginia. Bobby, the first member of the senior class to be accepte at UVa, applied to the University under its Early Decision Plan.

These students are just the first of the acceptees from the many members of the senior class who have applied to colleges. As the school year draws to a close, ACHS will see many of its seniors commit themselves to a variety of colleges across the country.

Walton enrolls in class

Laura Walton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Walton of Appomattox, has enrolled in the freshman class of the College of Human Resources at Virginia Tech.

Miss Walton plans to study apparel design in the Clothing and Textiles Department. This is one of 16 majors offered by the college which lead to successful careers in business, industry, human service agencies, education and government.

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MEMBERS OF THE CAST OF the play, "You Can't Take it With You," scheduled to be staged this Friday and Saturday nights at Appomattox County High School, are shown rehearsing for the production last week. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

Reading

Local public schools observe 'month'

The public schools in Appomattox County are observing Virginia Reading Month during December. Governor Robb has again recognized the importance of reading by placing this event on the calendar of state activities.

The theme for Reading Month 1983 is "Virginians Invite Excellence by Reading." Mrs. Lynda Robb continues to serve as honorary chairperson. The task force named by the State Superintendent of Education, Dr. John Davis, and personnel of the Department of Education is coordinating the 1983 activities.

Each of the county schools is making special plans to emphasize reading for the month. This will include students reading to other students, persons from the community coming to the schools to read to students and the sharing of books through skits, plays, and choral reading.

The Appomattox Primary School plan, also, includes sending a newsletter to parents with suggestions for reading in the home, using special educational television broadcasts for Reading Month students, reading to the principal and an emphasis on professional reading. Staff members will make presentations on reading at the December meeting of the School Board.

Appomattox Elementary School is conducting Reading Olympics during the month. Footprints of Reading will decorate the building as paper footprints are placed on the walls to represent each book read during the month. The door decoration contest will spark interest in reading as the students and staff see a book depicted on each classroom door.

A month-long schedule of activities has been planned at Appomattox Middle School. Students will be involved in contests, which will include slogans, posters, essays, poems, "bookworm" and book jackets. "Read All Together" time will continue and videotapes of favorite stories will be prepared.

At Appomattox County High School, students will be reading materials of choice and those that are specifically assigned. Book jackets and posters will be prepared and a newspaper will be made to depict events from a book. Both novels and plays will be receiving special attention during the month.

Students get demonstration

Stacey Myrick's grandfather, Garland Locks, recently visited her 6th grade class to demonstate the knot-tying techniques he learned and used during his 47 year career with the United States Navy.

Locks petty officer, U.S.N. retired, served the navy in a variety of positions and was on active duty during WWII, Korea, and the Vietnam conflict. He is presently employed by the U.S. Department of Defense aboard the U.S.N.S. Marshfield, Charleston, S.C.

During his visit Mr. Locks showed the class a unique knot called a monkey's fist. This knot is often used on the end of a bell rope and was the most popular with the class. He also demonstrated how to tie off the end of a rope so it will not unravel. This be made into a lead line. Four of the students had horses and found this demonstration very interesting.

Upon his return to Charleston, Stacey's grandfather made lead lines for those four students and key chains or bell ropes with monkey's fist knots on the end for the other students and teacher, Mrs. Oliver.

In order to make a money's fist, a marble must be placed inside the knot. However,there were no marbles to be found in Charleston. Mr. Locks finally found a Chinese checkers game containing marbles. When the sales lady, Mrs. James Travis, learned that they were to be used in a project for a class in Appomattox, she would not let Mr. Locks pay for the game. She said it was to be her gift to the class.

Mr. Locks had the braided cords and lines rushed to his home in South Hill, Va., before his ship set sail, by Stacey's uncle Lt. John T. Locks, U.S.N.

The class thanked Mr. Locks, Mrs. Travis and Lt. Locks for their parts in this early and unique Christmas gift.

At ACHS

Play scheduled for Dec. 9 - 10

"You Can't Take It With You," a revival of the George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart classic, will be presented at Appomattox County High School Dec. 9-10.

Appomattox audiences will step back in time to 1936 to the wacky home of the Sycamores. This eccentric family believes in relaxing and enjoying life, whether snake hunting, making fireworks, ballet dancing, or writing plays. Complications set in when the IRS and some snobbish future in-laws meet the Sycamores head-on.

The cast of "You Can't Take It With You" includes some talented newcomers as well as many veteran A.C.H.S. performers.

The bizarre Sycamore family is played by Bryan Hudson, Kathy Bryan, David Williams, Lorraine Brennen, L.D. Fleshman, and Gayle Pugh. Renee Harris and Kenny Richardson portray their maid and butler, two scene stealing supporting characters.

Visitors in their home are a Russian dancing teacher (Barry Hamlett) and a delivery man who "eight years ago decided to stay" ((Howard Anderson) Richard Hamlett portrays the business like Mr. Kirby, an interesting fail to the relaxed Sycamore lifestyle.

Other supporting actors include: Sherl Martin, Toby Cunningham, LaDell Wright, Kelly Bowen, Larry Harris, Tine Campbell, and Kathy Robertson. Jeannice Bartlet is the stage manager and Maria King is assistant director.

Joyce Sweet, director, commented, "You Can't Take It With You" is a delightful show; we'll try to do it justice. My actors show a great deal of potential. We have some first-time performers, but they are really coming alone. We are now polishing the finer points and hope to have a first rate comedy rady by Friday's curtain."

Performances are scheduled for Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. Admission will be $2 for students and $3 for adults.

STACEY MYRICK proudly displays knots tied by her grandfather, Garland Locks, a veteran of 47 years with the United States Navy who demonstrated knot tying technique for Stacey's 6th Grade Class during recent visit. (Photo by Frances Abbitt)

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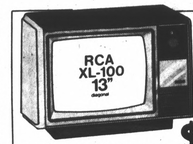

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